

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Public Hearing
Date: Monday, November 24, 2014
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – PRESENT:

Council:

- X President Palanski**
- X Mr. Connelly**
- X Mr. James**
- Mr. Burke
- X Rev. Trambley**

**News Media:
The Herald**

- X Scott Andrejchak –City Manager**
- Attorney Madden – City Solicitor
- X Lori Merolillo – City Clerk**

Dept. Heads:

- X Terry Whalen - Fire Chief**
- X Gerald Smith - Chief of Police**
- X John Cave - Street Dept.**
- Janet Thomas- Community Development
- X Robert Fiscus- Director of Code**
- Ken Griffith- Finance Director

I.) LEGAL NOTICE – *The City of Sharon will hold a Public Hearing on Monday November 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m in the City Council Chambers, Sharon Municipal Building, 155 West Connelly Blvd., Sharon, PA, to present the City of Sharon’s 2015 Budget.*

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed 2015 Operating Budget

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Lucas of 1124 Hall Ave. asked about the \$7,000 raise listed under City Managers salary and asked where that money was coming from. Mr. Lucas also asked about the \$80,000 overtime for 2014 and what caused this increase because Mr. Lucas said that manpower hasn’t changed. Mr. Lucas also inquired about the change in Contingency because last year was \$20,000 and it is estimated for next year to be \$39,000. Mr. Andrejchak explained that there is always a contingency and could provide a detailed list because it is created for unexpected expenses. Mr. Connelly added that the contingency is well under 5% for the average increase and asked what is on the agenda but Mr. Palanski replied that this meeting was on for Public Comments.

Mr. Palanski commented that he is aware of the challenge of avoiding a 2.49 increase in real estate taxes and holding off on staff cuts. Mr. Palanski wanted to commend Mr. Andrejchak on keeping the Budget balanced while working with a 38% increase in healthcare. Mr. Andrejchak explained that the employees were given a presentation on health care changes and they have 14 days to accept and added that it did go well.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Connelly

**Vote: Yes - Mr. Connelly
Yes - Rev. Trambley
Yes - Mr. James**

**____ - Mr. Burke
Yes - Mr. Palanski**